

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action wherein the Examiner withdrew the previous final rejection and again indicated that claims 4, 10 and 11 contain allowable subject matter. This continued indication of allowable subject matter and withdrawal of the prior final rejection is noted with appreciation.

Prior to discussing the amendments presented herewith, applicant takes this opportunity to thank Examiner Peavey for the time and consideration granted to the undersigned during a telephone interview on July 15, 2004 in connection with the allowed claims. During that interview, the undersigned advised Examiner Peavey that applicant will be filing an amendment review to place the application in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant seeks to place the application in condition for immediate allowance and early issuance, in view discovery of competitive products considered by applicant to infringe the allowable claims. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the broaden claims by way of a continuing application.

This amendment incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 10 into claim 1 with one exception. As described to the Examiner applicant has deleted the phrase describing the location of the groove form in the outer wall. Claim 10 placed the groove "at the end of motor end" and this is deleted in the currently amended claim 1. It is submitted that the actual location of the groove is not necessary to distinguish patentable over the cited prior art. The Examiner indicated that in his view the application had been thoroughly searched and such an amendment to claim 1 should place claim 1 in condition in immediate allowance. In view of the amendment presented herewith consistent with this discussion, applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is now in condition for immediate allowance.

By this Amendment, the status identifiers have been modified consistent with the revised amendment procedure. In addition, claim 4 indicated as allowable and previously dependent on claim 10 has now been amended to depend from claim 1. The same is true with respect to claim 11.

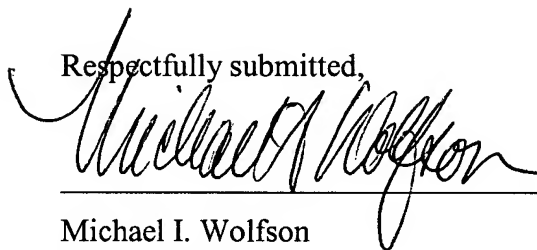
In view of the cancellation of claim 10 and the fact that currently amended claim 1 does not define of the location of the groove, applicant has added new claim 18 consistent with the prior description in previously allowable claim 10. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits

that claims 1-9 and 11-18, all of the claims now in the application are in condition for immediate allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to review and allow claims 1-9 and 11-18. If upon review of the application, the Examiner is unable to issue an immediate Notice of Allowance allowing claims 1-9 and 11-18, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney with a view towards resolving the outstanding issues.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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